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OF MASS MEDIA PRINCIPLES ISSUE

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1. AS DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS SITUATION FROM REFTELS,
SOVIETS, ANGOLANS AND IRAQIS HAVE INTRODUCED DRAFT RESOLU-
TION WHICH IS TANTAMOUNT TO ADOPTION OF DRAFT DECLARATION
OF MASS MEDIA PRINCIPLES AND WHICH MAY BE FORCED TO A
VOTE. IN ADDITION, BRAZILIANS HAVE MADE MOTION WHICH MAY
ALREADY HAVE BEEN VOTED, FOR IMMEDIATE REFERRAL OF THE
DRAFT DECLARATION TO THE DRAFTING AND NEGOTIATING GROUP.

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2. REFTEL B SUGGESTS THERE IS SUFFICIENT SUPPORT TO WIN

PASSAGE OF BRAZILIAN MOTION IF VOTING POSTPONED UNTIL NOVEMBER 5. DEPARTMENT CONCURS THAT USDEL SHOULD SUPPORT BRAZILIAN MOTION PROVIDED IT IS CLEAR THAT THERE IS A SAFE MAJORITY IN FAVOR.

3. HOWEVER, IF THERE IS A REASONABLE CHANCE THAT BRAZILIAN MOTION WILL NOT PASS AND THAT SOVIETS AND OTHER CO-SPONSORS WOULD THEN BRING THEIR DRAFT RESOLUTION TO A

VOTE AND WIN, USDEL SHOULD IMMEDIATELY SEEK ASSISTANCE OF M'BOW AND/OR HIS ASSOCIATES AND EC-9 TO INDUCE BRAZILIANS TO TELL COMMISSION THEY WISH TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY A VOTE ON THEIR MOTION. M'BOW AND/OR ASSOCIATES SHOULD BE ASKED SIMULTANEOUSLY TO INTERCEDE WITH SOVIETS AND ESPECIALLY OTHER CO-SPONSORS OF THEIR RESOLUTION TO AGREE NOT TO BRING THEIR RESOLUTION TO A VOTE IN COMMISSION.

4. IF EFFORTS TO PREVENT SOVIET-ANGOLAN-IRAQI DRAFT RESOLUTION FROM BEING BROUGHT TO A VOTE SHOULD FAIL, AND IT SEEMS LIKELY TO CARRY, USDEL SHOULD SEEK TO MOBILIZE SUPPORT FOR DELAYING VOTE TO GIVE ALL MEMBERS TIME TO OBTAIN INSTRUCTIONS.

5. IN EVENT POSTPONEMENT CANNOT BE ACHIEVED AND SOVIET RESOLUTION APPEARS LIKELY TO WIN, USDEL SHOULD EXPLORE WITH EC-9 AND OTHER ALLIES THE FEASIBILITY OF INTRODUCING THE US-FRG ALTERNATIVE TEXT AS A COUNTER MOVE THAT MIGHT ENABLE REFERRAL OF ALL MASS MEDIA PROPOSALS TO THE DRAFTING AND NEGOTIATING GROUP.

6. IN EVENT SOVIET-IRAQI-ANGOLAN DRAFT RESOLUTION WERE BROUGHT TO A VOTE AND SHOULD WIN, OUR STRONG INCLINATION--UNLESS DELEGATION HAS RECOMMENDATION AND ARGUMENTS TO CONTRARY--WOULD BE THAT DELEGATION NOT WALK OUT AND, MOREOVER, STRONGLY URGE EC-9 NOT TO WALK OUT. INSTEAD, WE BELIEVE DELEGATION SHOULD MAKE STRONG STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR OUR OPPOSITION TO DRAFT DECLARATION AND STATE WE WILL MAKE DETERMINED EFFORT TO ENSURE PLENARY DOES NOT ENDORSE SOVIET-IRAQI-ANGOLAN RESOLUTION. WE
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WOULD WANT TO URGE EC-9 AND OTHER FRIENDLY DELEGATIONS TO FOLLOW SIMILAR COURSE.

7. USDEL SHOULD RESPOND TO POSSIBLE EC-9 ARGUMENTS FOR WALK-OUT FROM COMMISSION THAT THIS MIGHT BE PRECISELY WHAT PROPONENTS OF DRAFT DECLARATION SEEK AS THIS WOULD SILENCE THE STRONGEST GROUP OF MEMBER-STATES WHO OPPOSE THE DRAFT DECLARATION AND MIGHT ALIENATE AFRICAN/THIRD

WORLD MODERATE SUPPORT NEEDED FOR PLENARY FIGHT.

8. USDEL SHOULD EMPHASIZE IN CONSULTATIONS WITH WEO'S, ESPECIALLY INCLUDING ISRAEL, THAT FUNDAMENTAL U.S. POSITION IS TO PURSUE EVERY POSSIBILITY FOR BLOCKING FINAL GENERAL CONFERENCE ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION IN PLENARY.

9. USDEL SHOULD SEEK TO ENSURE THAT WEO'S AND PRESS OBSERVERS UNDERSTAND THAT U.S. REASONS FOR NOT WALKING OUT ARE BASED ON OUR DETERMINATION TO FIGHT DRAFT DECLARATION AT EVERY STEP.

10. USDEL WILL RECALL THAT M'BOW, DURING OCTOBER 18 TALKS IN WASHINGTON, URGED THAT U.S. AND ITS FRIENDS NOT SEEK TO PREVENT DEBATE ON DRAFT DECLARATION. THIS PROBABLY EXPLAINS FOBES' FEELING RE NEED FOR CONTINUATION OF DEBATE AND HIS ANGER AT BRAZILIAN MOVE. SUGGEST USDEL MAKE CLEAR TO FOBES AND M'BOW THAT BRAZILIAN MOVE WAS NOT PROMPTED BY USDEL. KISSINGER

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